

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-23, 25-35, 38-50, and 52-60 are currently pending. Claims 12, 17, 18, and 49 have been amended and claim 51 has been canceled. Applicant thanks the Examiner for correcting the number of pending claims.

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-16, 22, 23, 25-35, 38-48, and 52-60 have been allowed.

Claims 17-21 were object to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being of improper form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 17-21 and 50-51 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 49 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by either Borg (U.S. Patent No. 5,768,689) or Fishkin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,754,496)

To address the Examiner's objections to claims 17-21, claims 17 and 18 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 12. Claim 12 has been amended to address typographical issues. No new matter has been added to claim 12. To address the Examiner's rejection of claim 49 and the objections of claims 50 and 51, claim 49 has been amended to include each of the limitations recited in claim 51.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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